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- (a) (1) A telegraph or telephone company or a corporation authorized under § 5-410(a)(3) of this article may construct lines:
  - (i) through the State;
  - (ii) from or to any point in the State;
  - (iii) on the boundaries of the State;
  - (iv) along and on a road, street, or highway; and
  - (v) across bridges and the waters in the State.
- (2) The company may erect fixtures, including poles, piers, or abutments necessary to sustain the lines.
- (3) This section does not authorize a company to construct a bridge across any of the navigable waters of the State.
- (b) A line constructed under subsection (a) of this section is not a public nuisance and is not subject to abatement by a private party if the line does not interfere with or disturb:
  - (1) the public use of roads, highways, and bridges;
  - (2) the navigation of the waters of the State; or
  - (3) the convenience of a landowner more than is unavoidable.

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